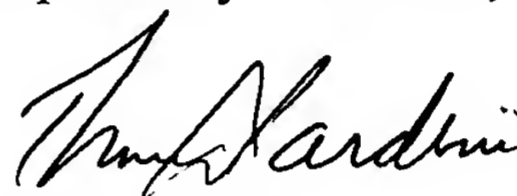


REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 11 and 13 are amended.

Should the examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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